HOUSE No. 2624

By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition of David B. Sullivan and others for legislation to authorize consumer rebates for prescription drug purchases. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING REBATES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of chapter 175H or
- 2 any other general or special law to the contrary, it shall be lawful
- 3 for any manufacturer, distributor, or supplier of prescription phar-
- 4 maceutical products to offer and participate in any direct to con-
- 5 sumer rebate programs, even if a portion of the prescription is
- 6 paid for by a health insurer, and for any consumer of prescription
- 7 pharmaceutical products to participate fully in any rebate program
- 8 or offering made either a manufacturer, distributor, or supplier of
- 9 said prescription pharmaceutical products, even if a portion of the
- 10 prescription is paid for by a health insurer.